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*Application  
GRANTED*

January 26, 2022

**BY ECF AND EMAIL**

Hon. P. Kevin Castel  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

*SO ORDERED  
J. P. Castel  
USDS  
1-26-22*

Re: *United States v. Rene Allard*, S4 20 Cr. 163 (PKC)

Dear Judge Castel:

[We respectfully write on behalf of defendant Rene Allard to request permission for Mr. Allard and his counsel to attend the conference scheduled in this case for February 1, 2022 by telephone, rather than in person. [The reasons for this request are that I am currently on parental leave, but could participate in the conference remotely by phone; and that Mr. Allard currently resides in Florida.

We have conferred with the Government about this request, and the Government consents.

Respectfully submitted,

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